FEMA Approves an Additional \$1.3 Million for Colorado's COVID-19 Response

DENVER – FEMA has approved an additional \$1.3 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Colorado. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued March 28, 2020. FEMA has now approved more than \$1.8 **billion** in Public Assistance grant funds to Colorado for the COVID-19 response.

FEMA disbursed more than \$1.3 million to the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Colorado for material and supplies for general personal protective equipment including splash guards, gloves, gowns, personal respirators, safety glasses, shoe covers, face, and surgical masks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These costs were incurred from March 1, 2020, to June 30, 2022.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow state and local governments to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, tribal and local officials work to assist their communities during the response.

To fully support this essential work, the President authorized provision of FEMA Public Assistance at 100 percent federal funding through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 2, 2022, the federal cost share for COVID-19 projects is 90 percent of the eligible cost.

The FEMA Public Assistance program provides funding to governmental agencies and certain private non-profits for eligible disaster response costs and to repair or replace damaged public infrastructure. For more information about the Public Assistance program, visit: https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/program-overview.



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